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## **DECLARATION UNDER RULE 131**

The instant declaration is being filed to dispose of a prior art reference *Guerin et al.* (U.S. 2005/0210576) (hereinafter '576), which has a U.S. filing date of March 23, 2004 and was relied on by the Examiner as a basis for 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 rejections in the final office action dated June 26, 2007 in this application.

The instant application was filed on September 24, 2004, within one year following the filing date of '576.

Jeanne Guerin, a co-inventor of both the '576 and the instant invention, declares as follows:

- That I received my Master degree in Applied Sciences from the University of Montreal;
- 2. That I have been employed by the assignee of the instant invention, The Boeing Company, for nine (9) years;

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- 3. That sometime prior to March 23, 2004, I conceived a misting shower system for use on a vehicle such as an aircraft;
- 4. That said misting shower system included a collapsible bag having a plurality of spouts or nozzles and an enclosure. The enclosure comprised an internal surface and an external surface. The internal surface of the enclosure included a hydrophobic surface which may be removed for cleaning or disposal. The internal surface defined a drain opening receiving misted air during a drying cycle. The external surface comprised a condensing surface. The system further comprised a plurality of mist dispensers positioned in the collapsible bag and a control device directing said misted substance through said plurality of mist dispensers;
- 5. That the invention was documented in an "Invention Disclosure" of The Boeing Company dated earlier than the U.S. filing date of '576. A redacted copy (pages 1-2 and 9) of the invention disclosure is enclosed as Exhibit A;
- 6. That the application for the invention was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office for patent protection on September 24, 2004, within one year following the filing date of '576.
- 7. That Exhibit B attached hereto represents an illustration of the misting shower system prepared before the filing date of the '576 application and, as shown, possesses the structural elements of the invention as claimed in the instant application; and
- 8. That all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18

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of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application for any patent issuing thereon.

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# **EXHIBIT A**

## **INVENTION DISCLOSURE**

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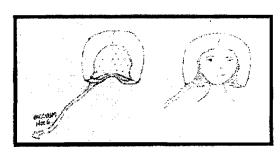
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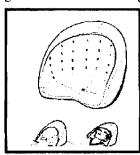
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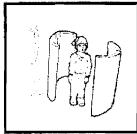
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Drying unit for ski and water parks to dry-off for a more comfortable enjoyment of the activity

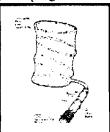


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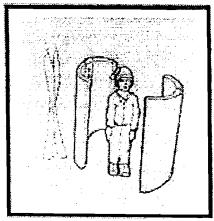


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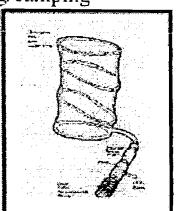
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